



Supervisor Chris Burdick's Report – May 31, 2018



Coming up at the June 5 Town Board Meeting

The Town Board at its May 15 meeting set for public hearing on June 5 a proposed local law to promote the use of reusable bags and also amendments to the parking code as described below:

Public Hearing:

Proposed Changes in the Parking Code

As recommended by Comptroller Abraham Zambrano who also heads the Town's Parking Bureau, the Town Board set for public hearing for 7:30 PM on June 5 revisions to the parking chapter of the Town Code to update the parking chapter for changes in technology, address non-residential weekday use of the commuter lots in "off hours" and to update/increase the fines/penalties for violations. A public hearing also will be held on June 19 for revisions in a different parking chapter of the Town Code.

Public Hearing:

Reusable Bags

As earlier reported, the Town Board on May 15 set for public hearing for June 5 at 7:40 PM a proposed local law which adopts the recommendations of the Reusable Bag Task Force to adapt the reusable bag law successfully in place in Suffolk County with some changes. Our proposed law would require stores with ground floor retail space in excess of 5,000 square feet to charge a fee of 10 cents for a single-use plastic bag or paper bag to the customer who comes to the check-out counter without a reusable bag. We are partnering with our grocery stores, ShopRite, Key Foods and DeCicco's who will be working with us to help change consumer behavior. ShopRite has pledged to distribute to its customers at no cost up to 6,200 reusable bags while Key Foods and DeCicco's will sell reusable bags to their customers at 25 cents each and free for those buying \$50 or more. The law will not take effect until April 1, 2019 after a ramp up period to get the word out to the community and get the thousands of reusable bags into the hands of consumers. The objective is simple: let's cut down on the waste and environmental

damage single-use bags create. Let's use the reusable bags so none of us has to pay a dime to make it happen. There were some minor corrections and clarifications made to the proposed law, none of which changes what I just described. [link to the revised law](#)

Revisions in the Proposed Local Law on Leaf Blowers

As you may know, the Town Board set for public hearing on June 19 a proposed local law containing regulations on the use of leaf blowers. The Town Board will consider the following revisions in the proposed law:

1. Effective May 15, 2019 the use of gas leaf blowers during the off-season would not be permitted in the Hamlet Zones.
2. The start/end dates of the leaf season and off-season would be September 16 through May 14 and May 15 through September 15, respectively.
3. As previously, only one blower at a time would be permitted in the “Hamlet Zones” newly added is the use of push behind blowers would not permitted in “Hamlet Zones”.
4. While the May 15 proposal would disallow Saturday and holiday leaf blower use in the hamlet centers in the off season, the revised version would permit electric leaf blowers.
5. The list of streets comprising the hamlet centers have been pared

[\[Click here for the revised proposed law and the list of Hamlet Zone streets\]](#)

Town Comptroller Report – April

Town Comptroller Abraham Zambrano reported to the Town Board as follows:

EXPENDITURES

General and Highway Funds. The overall year-to-date expenditure percentage for the General and Highway Funds are on target during the first four months of 2018. PKF O'Connor Davis, the Town's Auditors have completed reviewing the Town's financial activity for 2017; at year end, both General and Highway Funds have added over \$300,000 to their respective reserves.

REVENUE AREAS OF NOTE

Mortgage Tax. Based on information obtained from the Westchester County Clerk's office, we have been able to project that the first installment of the Mortgage Recording tax due in April will be in the \$400,000 range, approximately \$60,000 below our initial projection. Based on the number reported for the month of April and historical data/trends, our preliminary calculations for the rest of the year indicate are indicating that we will end the year slightly below the budgeted amount. However, we are still expecting that the spring months will bring movement in the real estate market.

Sales Tax. At the time this report was prepared, the County's Department of Finance had released numbers for the month of April. However, based on historical data and projections, sales tax revenues are projected to exceed by over 3.37% over the same period in 2017. Accordingly, we are optimistic that the same trend will continue for the rest of the year. Our calculations indicate that we will exceed the \$2,512,000 revenue budgeted for the year by over \$220,000.

Parking. Parking revenues recorded for the first four months of 2018 is approximately 7% lower than for the same period in 2017. We attribute the slight decrease in revenue

to the inclement weather we have been experience. Based on the additional number of permits we will be selling as we continue to make better use of the lots, we anticipate being able to meet our projected revenues for the year. We are anticipating that the new digital parking system that will be effective in May will see a surge in parking revenue.

Fines and Forfeited Bail. The collection of fines imposed by the Justice Court are recorded a month in arrears due to the timing of the processing by the NYS Office of Court Administration. Fines collected in the first quarter of the year totaled \$193,890 an amount that is \$12,789 higher than the same period in 2017. At this point, projections through the end of the year demonstrate that we will exceed budget by just \$143,000.

Safety Inspections. Safety Inspections fees for the first three months of the year are 16% lower than in the same period in 2017. Projections for the balance of the year indicate that safety inspection fees will be slightly lower that the budgeted amount.

UPDATE ON RESIDENT PARKING IN THE COMMUTER LOTS

We are pleased with the launch this past week of the new paperless/virtual parking permit system, through Parkmobile. In the first week approximately 800 of the approximately 1500 residents eligible for renewals have renewed their permits through the online system. For those permit holders who haven't yet renewed, it's fast and easy. You can do so by clicking on the following link <http://www.bedfordny.gov/town-of-bedford-parking-permit-system/> which will take you to the Town's parking permit portal. The completion of the applicable registration form will generate an e-mail notification with instructions. Our staff in the Parking Bureau can assist you should you need help in navigating through the application process. Feel free to call the Parking Bureau at 666-8097 between the hours of 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM weekdays.

Readers of this newsletter may recall that the Town is working to reduce the time residents need to wait for a space to become available in our commuter lots, especially the prime lots (Lots 1 and 4). Here's the present status of the wait lists:

1. Lot 1 (adjacent to the train station in Katonah). We have 150 residents on the wait list with the oldest date 1/23/14.
2. Lot 4 (adjacent to the Bedford Hills train station). We have 186 residents on the wait list with the oldest date 3/21/14.
3. Lot 5 (on Adams Street in Bedford Hills just north of the post office) We have 4 resident on the wait list since early 2014.
4. Lot 2 (Katonah Avenue): no wait list
5. Lot 7 (lower level Railroad Avenue - right down from Lot 4): no wait list
6. Lot RR (shoulder on Railroad Avenue): no wait list.

To reduce the wait list for Lot 1, we will offer approximately 40 residents on the wait list a parking permit for Lot 2. We also will be offering parking permits to approximately 25 residents on the wait list for Lot 4.

For information on parking permits [click here](#)

UPDATE ON PLANS FOR BEDFORD VILLAGE MUNICIPAL PARKING

As I mentioned in my weekly newsletter a couple of weeks ago, the Town has been in discussions with the Bedford Presbyterian Church regarding acquiring the Church's

vacant land off of Court Road for the purposes of constructing a municipal parking lot to serve the hamlet center. Last year environmental evaluation of the site showed no issues. We held a public meeting earlier this year at which comments we received showed positive support. We then commissioned an appraisal of the property which was just concluded this week and shows a fair market value of \$150,000. The Town Board at our May 15 meeting authorized me to present an offer to the Church for \$150,000 which I submitted last week to Pastor Paul Alcorn. The Church anticipates that it shortly will receive its own appraisal, which it appropriately had commissioned. I am hopeful that we can enter into a purchase and sale agreement with the Church in the next couple of months which would be subject to the Town's receiving the needed approvals for constructing the lot, including the US Army Corps of Engineers, the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (stormwater permit), the Bedford Village Historic District Review Commission, the Bedford Planning Board and the Bedford Wetlands Control Commission, among others. The permitting process may take between 18 months and two years. The actual construction of the lot and the wetlands mitigation project less time.

Adams Street Highway Yard upgrade

In the 2018 capital budget the Board approved additional funds for constructing a mechanical maintenance building. This change to the scope allows us to meet all of the project goals that we initially set. The goals were to provide regulatory compliant winter materials storage (done!), improve indoor vehicle storage, provide adequate facilities for mechanical fleet maintenance, and provide truck washing facilities. The fact that sewers will now be provided to the Adams Street Highway Yard allows for a simpler vehicle washing facility, which frees up funds to allow for construction of the mechanical maintenance building.

I have requested proposals for architectural services to design and provide construction administration for the mechanical maintenance building, which would likely be designed this year and constructed next year. I plan to provide a memo to the Town Board in June with a recommendation on an architectural firm.

LED Street Light Conversion Project

The Town is in the process of converting all of our utility pole mounted street lights to LED fixtures. LED has the benefit of providing much less power usage, significantly lower greenhouse gas emissions associated with power consumption, and a more uniform level of light. The town received a \$250,000 grant for this project, and the project will pay for itself based on electricity savings. We will be selecting fixtures that provide light outputs at appropriate levels for residential streets, main roads, and state roads within our existing lighting districts. This summer we plan to install a demonstration area consisting of 30 street lights in order to allow residents to get a better feel for the new lighting. More information to follow.

Reminder: Keep your car doors locked at all times.

I wanted to take a moment to remind everyone to lock their cars at night. Two of the cars in my driveway were broken into last night. Nothing was stolen since I don't keep anything of value in my car.

The Bedford Police Department continues to urge residents to lock their vehicles to help prevent such crimes of opportunity.

Update on Bedford Union Cemetery – County Takes Action

As reported last month, last year, Ed Kelly, the president of the not-for-profit Bedford Union Cemetery asked the Town Board for its support in expanding the cemetery, which is located on Clinton Road in Bedford Village. At the request of County Legislator Kitley Covill, the Board of Legislators held a public hearing on May 21 regarding the proposal. By word of background, last July, I sent a letter on behalf of the Town Board to the Westchester County Board of Legislators endorsing the Bedford Union Cemetery's expansion plans. I explained that the Cemetery wishes to purchase an adjoining parcel of land to use as cemetery land. The acquisition of the parcel is critical as the existing cemetery property is nearing its capacity and the Cemetery's ability to offer burial space will vanish. There remains high demand for burial space at the Cemetery and, more generally, in the Town. The vacant parcel is located adjacent to the Cemetery and is uniquely situated to provide additional burial space in the Town of Bedford. In September 2016 Bedford Union Cemetery entered into a contract of sale (contingent upon all necessary approvals) to purchase the adjoining property. The New York State Cemetery Board approved Bedford Union Cemetery's request to purchase the property on February 15, 2017. The proposed use of the property has also been approved by the Town of Bedford. The Bedford Planning Board granted approval to expand the Cemetery to include the subject property on June 12, 2017. Pursuant to section 320.02 of the Laws of Westchester County regarding Cemetery Land Use in Westchester County, the Town requested that the Westchester County Board of Legislators approve the expansion plans.

Following the May 21 public hearing, the Westchester County Board of Legislators approved proceeding with the expansion.

Moms Demand Action Proclamation

On Tuesday, May 15, 2018, the Town Board adopted a resolution declaring that the first Friday in June to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day in the Town of Bedford. On this day we honor and remember all victims and survivors of gun violence and to declare that we, as a country, must do more to reduce gun violence.



Photo: Moms Demand Action Chair Roni Fischer with Bedford Town Supervisor Chris Burdick. Also pictured are members of the Moms Demand Action Committee, Assemblyman David Buchwald, and Bedford Town Board members Lee Roberts , MaryAnn Carr, and Don Scott.

June 1, 2018 is National Gun Violence Awareness Day

Some ways to participate:

- **Wear Orange on June 1st**
- The Moms Demand Action Committee members will be passing out orange ribbons at the train stations on Friday June 1st. Look for them!
- [Red Fox Gallery](#) in Bedford NY, has curated an art show dedicated to creating awareness and helping to put an end to gun violence in America. The gallery teamed up with Caliber Foundation, a registered 501(c)(3) dedicated to support the victims, families and communities affected by illegal gun violence in America. The show includes works from artists from around the United States, and all works sold will benefit Caliber Foundation.

The gallery is selling RAISE THE CALIBER® WEAR ORANGE BRACELETS 100% of the profits from each bracelet is donated to the Caliber Foundation to help the victims and communities devastated by illegal guns in America.

- For more information on this nation-wide event go to <https://wearorange.org/>

UPDATE ON POLICE STATION RENOVATION PROJECT

Our project team had our regular 7:30 AM meeting this morning to discuss the status, action items and projection for completion. Calgi, our Construction Manager, estimates that the project now is 85% complete – with the Department able to return in late Summer/early Fall. And driving past the station, you can see the renovations taking shape. As I've reported, there

have been bumps along the road which both has delayed the project and will result in a higher cost than the \$7 million bond issue which the Town Board has previously authorized.

- Significant and expensive contamination issues – petroleum and asbestos, the result of which was project delay as well as nearly \$500,000 in additional costs (which kept climbing as more contamination was discovered).
- Due to a change in the economics and NYS incentives for solar projects, we received no proposals for our Request for Proposals for carports with solar panels atop them for the police station. This is due to the facility being in NYSEG service area rather than Con Edison service area, which has higher rates and higher NYS incentives to solar developers. We had hoped that we would receive a proposal that would have provided the carports at no cost to the Town. Recognizing the need to protect police vehicles from the elements to prolong their useful lives, the Town issued a request for bids. We received a solitary bid in excess of \$350,000 – nearly three times what we anticipated. I am recommending to the Town Board for our June 5 meeting that we reject the bid and approve a \$16,000 proposal for engineering design to facilitate more competitive bidding including from manufacturers of prefabricated metal carports.

It is clear that the project will not stay within the \$7 million bond issue which the Town Board authorized. As I mentioned previously, some have asked whether the Town shouldn't have demolished the station and built an entirely new one, rather than proceeding with the gut renovation and the additions now being carried out. It's a good and fair question. Before deciding on the project, the Town Board reviewed the options, including a new station. The estimate at that time was between \$12 and \$15 million for an entirely new edifice. In addition, a key stumbling block is that it is unlikely that the County Health Department would have approved the existing septic system for the station, and such a denial would have proved insurmountable. The contamination issues that we have dealt with would have also required remediation in the construction of an entirely new station. So despite our frustrations at going beyond the initial \$7 million bond issue, we feel confident that we chose the most financially prudent path for the new station and will result in a very well designed and constructed station which will serve the Department's mission for decades to come.

UPDATE ON SEWER PROJECT

As reported earlier, the Town is working with the NYC Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) on an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) to replace the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation as DEP's fiscal agent in disbursing project funds. EFC is no longer will serve as DEO fiscal agent after December 31. The IGA will provide direct DEP funding to the Town for the DEP's project share costs, referred to as the "Alternative Upgrade Program", so named because the funds will be provided the Town in lieu of DEP providing new wastewater systems for Katonah Elementary School, Bedford Park Apartments and St. Mary's School and rectory buildings. We are now near completion of the draft IGA. Due to the delay which the change in funding mechanism is causing project costs may increase and to compensate, the DEP contribution to the project is being increased to a maximum of \$13.1 million from the previous \$12.8 million. In addition DEP will be providing up to \$150,000 for certain engineering and soft costs which EFC otherwise would have handled. The NYC process for "registering" the IGA once finalized with the local DEP administrators is lengthy – as much as a year. I am requesting Town Board authorization on June 5 for me to execute the IGA. Until the IGA is in place we would not proceed with going out to bid on the project. Early last year, we pegged the start of construction as first quarter 2019, but then with Woodard & Curran being ahead of schedule on design, we thought we might start as early as this Fall. We now are looking at mid to late 2019.

We are, however, very pleased with the progress which our design engineers, Woodard & Curran's, has been making. We anticipate completion of the design of the sewer system this Summer/early Fall. We also are pleased with the cooperation of the other parties, including the NYS Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (DOCCS), Westchester County Department of Health and each of the owners of the "upgrade sites".

We also note that the Home Rule Law authorizing DOCCS to convey its wastewater treatment plant to the Town has been re-introduced in the NYS Legislature (our thanks to Assemblyman David Buchwald and State Senator Shelley Mayer who are doing their utmost to secure enactment this session of the NYS Legislature).

We will continue to keep the community advised.

FOR THE SUPERVISOR'S APRIL MONTHLY REPORT [Click here](#)

PRIOR POSTS OF CONTINUED RELEVANCE

UPDATED: PAVING OUR STATE ROADS: STILL TRYING TO GET ACTION

I met yesterday with our newly elected State Senator Shelley Mayer who is making a priority of working to secure the funding for paving I-684 and for action on our other state roads running through Bedford. I'll be meeting with the acting regional director of NYS Department of Transportation with these roads high on our list of priorities.

I-684

It's been a long haul trying to persuade New York State to pave the concrete portion of I-684 that runs through Bedford (the same original surface from the late 1960s). You may remember that in early 2014 shortly after coming into office, I started working with Assembly David Buchwald and then State Senator George Latimer to urge the re-paving of the portion of I-684 which runs through Bedford. We also worked with Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney, a member of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, to press for funds from Washington, since 80% to 90% of the funds to repair our State's highways comes from the federal government. Thanks principally to the efforts of Assemblyman Buchwald a portion of the Bedford section was paved (the southerly portion up to Harris Road). But the portion from Harris Road through a bit north of Exit 6 is in terrible condition. One of our residents who is an engineer and works on major road projects described it in an e-mail earlier this week: "Spring has arrived!! Please take the time to drive northbound and southbound on I-684, including the exit ramps. The pavement deterioration has become very severe in some areas due to the harsh winters. You may see large chunks of concrete in the shoulders that have broken free from the mainline pavement. Perhaps the board can urge the NYSDOT Highway Department to have maintenance crews fill the pot holes in the Katonah corridor as a priority."

ROUTE 22

Here, too, conditions on the road have deteriorated. I'm especially concerned about the portion between the Bedford Cross and the intersection with Pea Pond Road. Several residents have contacted me about it.

I'll be meeting with the Regional Director of the DOT on Monday and members of his staff to press for work to get done. I'd like to ask your help so that the powers that be know that it's not just me asking for action. You can send e-mails and make calls - and many thanks to those who already have done so (yes you may get a "form" response, but they all keep track of it and it really makes a difference that you take the time) (this list is updated to add newly elected State Senator Shelley Mayer):

Governor Cuomo: <https://www.governor.ny.gov/contact>; also try <http://www.writethegovernorofnewyork.com/>; also 1-518-474-8390

DOT Albany office: 518-457-6195

DOT Region 8 Acting Regional Director Lance MacMillan: 845-431-5750

If you send an e-mail, please consider copying me and our legislators:

State Assemblyman David Buchwald: buchwaldd@assembly.state.ny.us, 914-244-4450

State Senator Shelley Mayer: smayer@nysenate.gov, 518-455-2031

UPDATE ON ROUTE 117 WORK

As I reported previously, we have been working closely with the Village of Mount Kisco (which will be installing a new water line this year), Con Edison (which needs to finish its gas line work and road restoration) and the NYS Department of Transportation (which sets requirements for work on and restoration of Route 117). Our objective is simple: get the work done as soon as possible and get the surface restored to a decent condition, avoid disruption to our business and residential community and hold down the noise at night.

We've told all parties repeatedly that the existing the condition of Route 117 in Bedford Hills is unacceptable. It's a rough patchwork following the Con Edison gas line work last year.

Here's the status:

1. DOT advises us that it has required Con Edison to perform the curb to curb restoration we requested - that is, instead of paving just the southbound lane.
2. Work to be done at night from 7:00 PM through 6:00 AM. Minimizing the loudest work (i.e., saw cut and jackhammering). Con Edison has stated: "We will ask our contractors to try their best to get the saw cut and jackhammering work done before 10 pm, but it is an inevitable part of this work."
3. I just learned yesterday from Con Edison's representative: "The tentative Plan is start paving North of Green Lane on Monday June 4th. We will be working the same night strips we did for the install as discussed. Let me know if there are any questions."

FIXING POTHOLE

We need your help. We have 97 miles of paved Town roads and 33 miles of dirt roads. We've got crews out on the roads this Spring finding and fixing potholes, but you can help us identify any we miss. If you find potholes in our Town roads, please call our Pothole Hotline at 666-7669 or feel free to contact me at 666-6530 or Supervisor@bedfordny.gov.

For potholes on state roads in our Town, such as Routes 22, 117, 121, 137 and 172 we would suggest that you call NYS's pothole line at 1-800-POTHOLE.

And thank you.

VACANCIES ON ADVISORY COMMITTEES - UPDATED

Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee - Resident of Katonah Memorial Park District
There is a vacancy on the Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee for a resident of the Katonah Park District. Send your resume and a cover letter via e-mail to supervisor@bedfordny.gov and please copy Recreation and Parks Superintendent Bill Heidepriem at wheidepriem@bedfordny.gov and RPAC chairman, Brian McCabe at atcoach10536@aol.com. You also may mail your cover letter and resume to the attention of Supervisor, 321 Bedford Road, Bedford Hills, New York 10507. For information on the RPAC, please see <http://www.bedfordny.gov/town-government/boards-commissions-committees/boards/recreation-parks-advisory/>

Traffic Safety Work Group

There is a vacancy on the Traffic Safety Working Group (TSWG) for a resident of Bedford Hills. Send your resume and a cover letter via e-mail to supervisor@bedfordny.gov. You also may mail your cover letter and resume to the attention of Supervisor, 321 Bedford Road, Bedford Hills, New York 10507. For information on the TSWG please click [here](#).

SAVE MONEY AND THE ENVIRONMENT WITH THESE TWO EXCITING SUSTAINABLE WESTCHESTER INITIATIVES!

Nissan Leaf Discount Program

Electric vehicles save money and reduce fossil fuel usage and emissions. Click the link below to see how you can save up to \$12,500 on a 2018 all electric Nissan Leaf through the Sustainable Westchester bulk discount program. [Sign Up for Discount](#)

Community Solar

Now everyone can be a part of the transition to local, clean solar energy, even if you don't have access to your roof because you are in an apartment or it's too shady. Currently in Con Ed Territory only. Click [Here](#) to sign up for Local solar - and save money on your Con Ed bill!

TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES – CHERRY STREET ADOPTED

As most are aware, the Town Board for a number of years has been considering and taking action on traffic calming measures for Cherry Street (see the list below). Public Works Commissioner Kevin Winn presented staff recommendations at the Town Board's May 1 meeting, which recommendations also were vetted by the Traffic Safety Working Group. After extensive public comment on the recommendations following the Commissioner's presentation, the Board adopted the recommendations as follows:

Raised Crosswalk

This crosswalk would replace the existing crosswalk in front of the Town Offices at 425 Cherry Street.

Speed tables - Trial Basis

Three removable speed tables will be installed on a trial basis: one a bit south of the intersection with the northern leg of Reyburn Road (just north of the driveway to 46 Cherry Street), the second just south of the intersection with Kelly Circle; and the third south of the intersection with Quicks Lane (just north of the driveway to 147 Cherry Street). These speed tables, which cost between \$7500 and \$10000 each, would be installed over the Summer and be in place for a trial period of approximately three months, after which the Town Board would evaluate their effectiveness and community

response. The removable speed tables would be available for trial use on other roads in Town, as appropriate.

In addition to the actions described above, the following is a list of the actions the Town has taken over the last few years in an effort to calm traffic on Cherry Street in

- Stop signs at Huntville Road 1985
- Stop signs at Croton Lake Road 1995
- Added several miles of sidewalk in 2005 and 2008
- Added crosswalk across Croton Lake at Cherry 2010
- Performed traffic calming study on Cherry Street at Quicks Lane and Valley Road using consulting engineer VHB in 2014
- Moved centerlines and fog lines to narrow lanes and move traffic away from sidewalks in 2015
- Added crosswalk across Cherry Street at Valley Road in 2015
- Purchase of portable radar speed signs for use on all roads 2015 through 2017
- Federal Highway Association approved the Town's request to change the functional classification from Minor Arterial to Major Collector in January 2017
- Initiated additional traffic calming study using consulting engineer Kimley-Horn in December 2017

TOWN NOT PROCEEDING WITH BIKE PARK/PUMP TRACK

As mentioned in my April 27 newsletter, the Town Board had received the reports of the Recreation & Parks Department and the Recreation & Parks Advisory Committee (RPAC) regarding the proposed creation of a bike area/pump track at Katonah Memorial Park (KMP). The reports may be accessed by clicking [here](#). The Department's Superintendent, Bill Heidepriem, summarized the report, after which the Board heard views from the public both in favor of creation of a bike park area in KMP and those opposed to it.

Following the public comments, the Town Board at our May 1 meeting adopted a resolution that the Town will not proceed with the creation of a bike park area in any portion of KMP. The Board also adopted a resolution asking the Department and RPAC to look into implementing the recommendations in the Katonah Memorial Park/Zema Property Master Plan with regard to the Zema portion of KMP ([click here for the Master Plan – see pages 33 to 34 \(physical pages 37-38\) and](#) to report to the Board this October.

I recognize that the Board's action in turning down requests for the bike park/pump track is deeply disappointing to its proponents. The Board respects the efforts and sincere work on the part of those proponents, but, as discussed in the reports furnished the Board, placement of the bike park/pump track in KMP poses insurmountable challenges including environmental degradation, stormwater issues, conflict with other park activities, impact on traffic and neighbors and cost. As the Town previously has advised the proponents of the bike park/pump track, the Town continues to stand ready to work to find a suitable site outside KMP, such as Ward Pound Ridge Reservation.

REMINDER – STORM CLEAN UP

Residents can also take brush and tree debris to the Beaver Dam Highway facility on Beaver Dam road off Harris Road during the same days and hours listed above. Dumping of brush and tree debris is free. [Click here for complete information](#)

We recognize that residents have been coping with a great deal of clean-up of storm debris, so we are opening the Town's Beaver Dam Compost Facility for a few Saturdays over the next couple of months: The facility is normally open for residents in non-commercial vehicles to dispose of recyclable wood waste (logs and branches up to 6" diameter, brush, and leaves) Monday to Friday from 7:30 AM to 3:00 PM, excluding town holidays. Due to the recent storms, the **Town will open the compost facility from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM on Saturday April 14, April 21, April 28, and June 2**

POST STORM ACTION

The Town Supervisors in the Brewster Division of NYSEG which encompasses northern Westchester, Putnam and Dutchess counties met recently with senior NYSEG management. The discussion primarily focused on NYSEG's program to reduce the incidence of outages including reliability targets, identification of major contributing causes, vegetation management, maintenance programs, planned work, resiliency plans, capital improvements and future initiatives. We will continue to press NYSEG for improving its performance.

JOINT LETTER OF WESTCHESTER COUNTY LEGISLATOR KITLEY S. COVILL AND TOWN SUPERVISORS OF BEDFORD, LEWISBORO, NORTH SALEM, POUND RIDGE AND SOMERS TO NYSEG click [here](#) for the letter

ENERGIZE RESIDENTIAL

The Town of Bedford is one of only two Westchester County municipalities (the other is New Rochelle) with a residential Energize campaign each year for the last three years and our intent is to have it every year. Last October, the Town of Bedford, Bedford 2020 and Energize Bedford kicked off their limited time home energy efficiency campaign "Warm Home, Cool Planet, Hot Savings"! Interested homeowners mingled with contractors, pledged to reduce energy waste and sampled craft beer at the Bedford Hills Train Station. The program is continuing. Homeowners can receive assistance to help significantly reduce their home energy consumption, lower their energy bills, cut greenhouse gas emissions, and increase the year-round comfort and value of their home... and to save an extra 10% on the upgrade work. My thanks to my colleagues on the Town Board for supporting the continuation of this program and to the Energy Improvement Corporation with which we are partnering and in particular Lauren Brois, Director, Energize Residential for Westchester County and Alice Quinn who is director for the Hudson Valley. Learn more at <http://bedford.energizeny.org/>

“THINK DIFFERENTLY”

The Town Board unanimously passed a resolution adopting “Think Differently” an initiative to assist individuals with special needs and their families. Click [here](#) for the resolution.

TRAFFIC CALMING - CHERRY STREET

There was further discussion of the January 24 Report of John Canning of Kimley Horn, Town's traffic consultant, regarding possible further traffic calming measures for Cherry Street. The Board asked staff to review the request of some in the community for speed tables or

cushions on trial basis and will take up the matter again either at the March 6 or March 20 meeting. Click [here](#) for the reports.

CELL TOWERS AND CELL FACILITIES

The Planning Board further considered the application of Verizon for a cell tower on Hickory Lane in Bedford Village. Under the Federal Communications Law, the Planning Board has 150 days within which to make a determination regarding the application. The Planning Board had provided the applicant a possible alternative location which would be Indian Hill Park, and has asked Verizon to evaluate the site within 45 days. Consideration of installation of additional cell towers at various locations throughout the Town due to gaps in coverage adversely impacting the ability of police and emergency personnel to respond to emergency calls. Public and officer safety were cited.

**BOND RESOLUTIONS TO IMPLEMENT 2018 PORTION OF 2018-2027
CAPITAL PLAN**

The Board approved a SEQRA resolution and bond resolutions (several of which are subject to permissive referendum). In a February 1, 2018 memorandum to the Town Board, the Town Comptroller summarized the Capital Plan (which is posted to the Town’s website under the Finance Department page):

Click [here](#) for a copy of the Town Board approved Capital Plan for 2018 through 2027. The projects included in this ten year capital plan were submitted by the department heads in an effort to give the Town Board information about their department’s needs over the next decade. At the end of 2017, the Town’s outstanding debt will be \$39,895,073. That amount includes \$16,470,000 of debt attributed to the water filtration plant. The approved capital plan adds \$23,445,638 in debt for all funds over the next 10 years and based on the amount of debt being retired on a yearly basis over the next ten years, the projected additional amount of borrowing required to finance the projects is manageable and taking into account the fact that the Town amortizes outstanding debt at an accelerated rate, the projected additional debt would be absorbed with little or no impact to the tax levy. A breakdown by fund is outlined below:

General Fund	\$ 7,040,850	30%
Highway Fund	\$11,418,537	48%
Park Districts	\$ 1,883,000	8%
Water Districts	\$ 1,769,917	8%
Sewer Fund	\$ 1,200,000	5%
Lighting Districts	\$ 133,334	1%

Included in the plan are projects for traffic safety throughout the Town, vehicle replacement for the police department, recreation, building and highway, equipment replacement for various departments. The plan also includes funding for facility improvements at the three hamlet parks, town owned cemeteries and other municipal facilities, as well as IT upgrades, road rehabilitation, and parking in Bedford Village and in an effort to continue with the Town’s pledge to reduce its carbon footprint, the plan includes funding for new zero emissions or “green” parks equipment and engineering for geo-thermal systems for the Town House and 425 Cherry Street. As in the past, this capital plan will be updated every two years in order to address additional needs unforeseen at the time this 10 Year Capital Plan was adopted.”

With respect to the Bond Resolutions which the Board approved at the February 6 meeting, Comptroller Zambrano made the following remarks to the Board:
“Good evening there are five bond resolutions before the Town Board for approval. These resolutions will allow borrowing to fund 2018 projects approved by the Town Board. The first resolution “A” is for \$1,037,767 majority of money going for projects that have live of 5 years or less like equipment, minor expenses like cameras, safety equipment and decentralization of waste water treatment as well as IT upgrades throughout the Town. The second resolution “B” is for \$125,000 for 10 years and it includes funding for projects like septic replacement and sewer hookup at Town owned buildings that would hopefully happen later this year or in early 2019 as well as paving at 21 Park Avenue for the recreation department. Resolution “C” is for 15 years and it’s for \$1,713,295; this money is for repairs and upgrades at the town parks in the three hamlets. Resolution “D” is for \$311,750; this money is for improvements to town owned buildings. The last resolution “E” is for \$700,000; this money is for work at the new highway garage.”

REVISION IN JULY AND AUGUST 2018 TOWN BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

Summer months are away months and many of our residents are unable to attend two meetings in July and two in August. The Town Board approved the following changes to these summer month meetings. We have cancelled the July 3 meeting and retained the July 17 meeting which was previously scheduled. We cancelled the August 7 and August 21 meetings and have replaced them with a single meeting to be held on August 14.

I ask you to please send me an e-mail at supervisor@bedfordny.gov should you have any questions or comments on this report or any of our work on the Town Board.



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